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on 28 December 1953, a battery with 3 x 76.2-mm guns towed by half track vehicles was seen en route toward Magdeburger Forst. The guns were being emplaced in a wood patch between Drewitz and Magdeburger Forst. The observation post was 25X1B located on the Doernitz-Drewitz dirt road, 600 meters east of Drewitz. Observation post and gun emplacement were connected by a ground return circuit and radio. The observation post, which was occupied by 12 soldiers, was equipped with a two-unit radio set. The telephone station of the observation post was located about 80 meters from the radio station. the guns returned to the camp. on 30 December, 30 troops wear 25X1 ing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, engaged in laying of telephone cables in the vicinity of the camp. Between 24 December 1953 and 3 January 1954, five families of officers and NCOs were quartered in private apartments in Doernitz.

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Comment. According to caliber of guns ab 25X1 served an exercise of a battery, probably of the 44th Army Arty Brig, which is permanently stationed in Altengrabow. Same source, in early December, also reported the arrival of officers' families. No information has so far been received on the arrival in East Germany of families of NCOs.

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